

Listing of Claims

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A hearing instrument, comprising:
 - 2 a housing, the housing comprising inside and outside surfaces and an opening for an
 - 3 electronics module ~~and an inside surface~~; and
 - 4 an electronics module for insertion into the opening of the hearing instrument
 - 5 housing, comprising:
 - 6 generally parallel planar upper and lower surfaces;
 - 7 a peripheral surface, located between the upper and lower surfaces and oriented
 - 8 generally perpendicular thereto, the peripheral surface conforming to the opening in
 - 9 the housing;
 - 10 a door and hinge; and
 - 11 a tab in the vicinity of the hinge, the tab comprising a portion protruding
 - 12 outwardly from the module ~~with respect and having an orientation generally~~
 - 13 perpendicular to the peripheral surface , and comprising an upper surface generally
 - 14 coplanar with the lower surface of the module.
- 1 2. (Currently Amended) A hearing instrument as set forth in claim 1, where
the inside surface of the hearing instrument housing is generally planar in the vicinity
of the opening; and
~~the tab is located on the on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper~~
~~surface parallel to the upper surface of the tab is generally coplanar with and adjacent the inner~~
~~inside surface of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of the housing , such~~
~~that the upper surface of the tab opposes the inside surface of the housing.~~

1 3. (Currently Amended) A module for insertion into an opening in a hearing
2 instrument housing, where the housing comprises ~~an inside surface~~ inside and outside
3 surfaces, comprising:

4 generally parallel planar upper and lower surfaces;
5 a peripheral surface, between the upper and lower surfaces and generally perpendicular
6 thereto, the peripheral surface conforming to the opening in the housing;
7 a door and hinge; and
8 a tab in the vicinity of the hinge, the tab comprising a portion protruding outwardly from
9 the module with respect and having an orientation generally perpendicular to the peripheral
10 surface , and comprising an upper surface generally coplanar with the lower surface of
11 the module.

1 4. (Currently Amended) A module as set forth in claim 3, where
2 the inside surface of the hearing instrument housing is generally planar in the vicinity
3 of the opening; and

4 the tab is located on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper surface
5 parallel to the upper surface of the tab is generally coplanar with and adjacent the inner inside
6 surface of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of the housing , such that
7 the upper surface of the tab opposes the inside surface of the housing.

5. (Cancelled)

1 6. (Currently Amended) A force-opposing tab for a hearing instrument module
2 residing in an opening in a hearing instrument housing, where
3 the housing comprises an inside surface, and
4 the module comprises generally parallel planar upper and lower surfaces,
5 a peripheral surface [[,]] between the upper and lower surfaces and generally
6 perpendicular thereto, the peripheral surface conforming to the opening in the housing,
7 and a door and hinge;
8 the tab comprising:
9 a member [[,]] in the vicinity of the hinge, the member comprising a portion protruding
10 outwardly from the module with respect and having an orientation generally perpendicular to
11 the peripheral surface , and comprising an upper surface generally coplanar with the lower
12 surface of the module.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A force-opposing tab as set forth in claim 6, where
2 the inside surface of the hearing instrument housing is generally planar in the vicinity
3 of the opening; and
4 the member is located on the lower surface of the module and comprises an upper
5 surface parallel to generally coplanar with and adjacent the inner inside surface of the housing
6 when the module is seated in the opening of the housing, such that the upper surface of the
7 member opposes the inside surface of the housing.

1 8. (New) A hearing instrument as set forth in claim 1, where the module
2 further comprises a flange contiguous with the upper surface of the module, where the flange
3 rests on the outside surface of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of
4 the housing.

1 9. (Currently Amended) A module as set forth in claim 3, further comprising a flange
2 contiguous with the upper surface of the module, where the flange rests on the outside surface
3 of the housing when the module is seated in the opening of the housing.